

**Town of Monkton  
Conservation Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00pm  
In-Person at the Town Hall and on Zoom/Phone**

**Members Present:** Chelsea Smiley (Chair & Treasurer), Ann Johnston Miller (Vice-Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Caroline Alves

**Members Absent:** Prem Linskey

**Guests Present:** None

Chelsea called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

### **Regular Business**

- Reviewed Agenda
- Set Time/Date of Next Meetings
  - Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm
  - Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm
- Approve Minutes
  - **Ann moved to approve the minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as written. Jaime seconded.** No additional discussion. **All were in favor (3-0-0)** with Caroline not having joined the meeting yet.

### **Updates**

- Environmental Notice Board (ENB)
  - Discussed whether to comment on the after-the-fact permit on Mountain Rd and an unrelated stormwater permit on Mountain Rd. Discussed whether wetland impact permits are consistent with the Town Plan, even if approved by the state, and the need for community engagement on wetland and wetland buffer impacts. Ann will reach out to Zapata for guidance on community education.
- Eric Sorensen Presentation – very successful event with 33 people! Recording and slides are posted to the Conservation Commission page on the Monkton website.

### **Act 171**

- Arranging to join a Planning Commission meeting in September. Reviewed and decided on deliverables.
- Will share progress on mapping, recommendations, etc.
- Possible next steps:
  - Assistance from the Planning Commission on gathering community feedback
  - Consider hiring a consultant to project what future development in Monkton could look like with current zoning & facilitate community engagement on future land use
  - Consider hiring a consultant to map habitat connectivity in Monkton & facilitate community engagement

**Pond Brook Management Plan: Appendices:** Postponed to next meeting

### **Adjournment**

- Caroline moved to adjourn. Ann seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0). Adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaime Schulte  
Clerk